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Las Vegas Resource Center Is Looking For You

The Las Vegas Resource Center opened by the U.S. Departments of Energy and Labor is still accepting compensation claims from former and current Nevada Test Site employees and their families. Claims may be filed under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. Passed in October 2000, the law provides \$150,000 in lump-sum compensation as well as related medical expenses for eligible workers. Illnesses covered by the law include cancer caused by radiation, chronic beryllium disease, and chronic silicosis.

Bob Agonia, resource center office manager, said "We want to make sure people know that there is no deadline to file claims. The office is still open and actively processing the claims of test site workers or their family members."

Located in the Flamingo Executive Park, 1050 East Flamingo Road, Suite W-156, the resource center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the resource center at (702) 697-0841 or toll-free at 1-866-697-0841. Information about the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act is available on the Labor Department's Web site at http://www.dol.gov.